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Appletisers

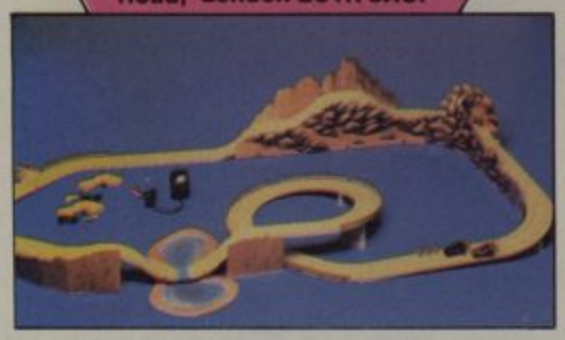
You could have been forgiven for ignorning The Big Apple, a new software label that first surfaced months ago promising big things, but released only one game. They're hitting their stride now, though, with Lasertrain (the tale of an alien attack on an Intercity!), *Harrier Strike Mission 2* and adventure game *The Fool's Errand* all due for immediate release, and *Thud Ridge* (a Vietnam flight sim) *with Greased Lightning*, '60s hot rod street racing, waiting in the wings. We haven't played any of them properly yet, but it will be interesting to see what develops.

Fighting Falcon

If the world needs another a flight sim, then a plane worthy of such treatment would have to be the US F16 – a fighter and a half as air force types are always telling us. Good job then that Digital Integration has decided to grace ST, IBM (£24.95) and C64 (£19.95 disk/14.95 cass) monitors with one such sim. F16 Combat Pilot which they claim US Airforce experts had a hand in designing, will later be available on Amiga, Amstrad and Spectrum.

Racing Hoppers Compo

More fun by far than 4x4 Off Road Racing (see review) are these Racing Hopper sets from Action GT. These slot racing sets feature boulders to dodge, tunnels and lakes to negotiate and mountains to avoid making things tough along the eighteen foot track. They're fun, but they ain't exactly cheap (£59.99) so it's just as well we have a couple of sets to give away, isn't it? Answer the questions below, and one could be yours. Send entries to Racing Hoppers Comp, C+VG, Priory Court, 30-32 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3AU.



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Question 1) What Formula One team will Nigel Mansell be driving for next season

Question 2) What famous British car manufacturers returned to motor racing recently and won the last Le Mans 24 hour race?

Munster Mash

It's not unusual to see games based on big box office smash movies such as Ocean signing Robo Cop, or even novels but cult TV shows? Again Again Alternative's new full price label, have produced a game based around the lovable family of werewolves, vampires and monsters currently showing on C4. Available on 8 bit at £9.99 ST (£19.99) and Amiga (£24.99) it'll be shambling our way in about a month.

Charts

ATARI ST TOP TEN

1	Bomb Jack – Encore
2	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
3	Battleships – Encore
4	Gauntlet – Kixx
5	Air Wolf – encore
6	ACE? Cascade
7	Frank Brunos Boxing – Encore
8	Out Run – Sega/US Gold
9	D. Thomp Oly. Chall. – Ocean
10	S. Davis Snooker – Blue Ribbon

Alternative, Encore and US Gold all make advances as publishers, at the expense of Firebird, Mastertronic and Codemasters. Daley Thompson makes a particularly strong showing in the overall chart.

ATARI ST

1	STOS Game Creator
2	Virus – Firebird
3	Super Hang On – Electric Dreams
4	L'derboard Birdie – Access/US G.
5	Empire Strikes Back – Domark
6	Outrun – Sega/US Gold
7	Overlander – Elite
8	Gunship – Microprose
9	Gauntlet 2 – US gold
10	Sinbad & the Throne – C'ware

STOS, Super Hang On, Leaderboard and Sinbad are all new entries, with 16 bits sales increasing, despite the general drop off in buying due to the end of school holidays.

AMIGA TOP FIVE

1	Carrier Command – Rainbird
2	Interceptor – Electronic Arts
3	Bionic Commando – Capcom/Go!
4	Platoon – Ocean
5	Menace – Ocean

New entries Platoon and Menace threaten the big two, which have merely swopped first and second places this month.

I'll take Manhattan

Fans of beat 'em ups like Target Renegade and so on will have cause to take note of the first UK release from French software house Silmarils. Manhattan Dealers takes a peculiarly gallic angle to it's story of New York drug barons and one man's fight to bring them down. Bikers, muggers, ninjas

and assorted psychos give you the runaround across numerous screens as you attempt to destroy the drug supply. ST, Amiga and PC owners should be able to purchase it in November (£19.99 ST, £24.99 others), while Spectrum, C64 and Amstrad versions will be out in the new year.

This Sporting Life

Tired of Soccer Management games? Then how about a slight variation, as we enter the world of "money and courage" in Rugby League Boss? It's your decision to buy or sell players, switch clubs and cook da books (!) to try and win the cup, but there are plenty of hard men out to stop you. Your ST may never be so gritty again (£14.95).

Future Shocker

About the most shocking thing about **Dark Futures** is that it looks to be the only cars-with-guns game of recent months not to lie under the shadow of a monstrous law suit. In fact, it could be a great introduction to fantasy role playing, being one of the simpler games (it still comes with a wacking great rule book though) and featuring a track and little plastic cars you can paint up. Based unashamedly on Mad Max, it's £14.99 for the starting box, though we would suggest half the fun would come from customising little die-cast motors to add to the car wars . . .

Queer Name

Maybe it's because they're French and they just don't know . . . Ubi-Soft feature strongly in their Crimbo line up a game "rejoicing" in the unlikely name of Puffy's Saga. As Puffy you must lead your girlfriend Puffyn out of an alien maze of death traps and hidden passages.

Companion titles include medieval adventure Iron Lord and Skateball on all popular formats, with ST/Amiga/C64 space adventure, which sounds not unlike Captain Blood.

AMSTRAD TOP TEN

1	Bomb Jack Encore
2	Gauntlet – Kixx
3	Battleships – Encore
4	ATV Simulator – Code Masters
5	Air Wolf – Encore
6	Kik Start 2 – Mastertronic
7	Beach Buggy Simulator – Firebird
8	Rocky Horror Show – Alternative
9	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
10	Yogi Bear – Alternative

Only one full price game in the chart (Footie Manager 2), with last time's number one (Stunt Bike Sim) dropping to 13.

C64 TOP TEN

1	Daley Thompson's – Ocean
2	Battleships – Encore
3	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
4	Hawkeye – Thalamus
5	Rally Driver – Alternative
6	Track Suit Manager – Goliath
7	S. Davis Snooker – Blue Ribbon
8	Yogi Bear – Alternative
9	Bomb Jack – Encore
10	Dizzy – Codemasters

Daley vaults to the top while Hawkeye, Track Suit and Bomb Jack drop, Skooldaze and Pro Skateboard Sim look set to enter next week.

SPECTRUM TOP TEN

1	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
2	On the Bench – Cult
3	Bomb Jack – Encore
4	Skooldaze – Alternative
5	European Five a Side – Firebird
6	Track Suit Manager – Goliath
7	Daley Thompson's – Ocean
8	Battleships – Encore
9	ACE – Cascade
10	Outrun – Sega/US Gold

Highest climber On the Bench joins Footie Manager 2 at the top of the charts, while Skooldaze enters at number 4. Daley and Track Suit Manager are the other only full pricers in the top ten.